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Hello,

As a concerned citizen I would like to voice my opinion on this matter. Microsoft has been found guilty of using their monopoly power to gain market share and effectively reduce or eliminate competition in numerous areas. The current proposed remedy of requiring them to "donate" products, services and/or money to the educational institutions in the United States is unacceptable. This will basically allow them to capture the one final market that they are not the dominant force in, effectively driving Apple, SGI, Sun and others out of that market.

The penalty for using and abusing a monopoly should be harsh and impose a true restriction on the companies abilities to use this power again. Since the break up option is not an option and a 1 billion dollar "donation" to education only expands their market share and power to influence, some other remedy needs to be found that truly punishes this company for their past actions.

The bottom line is they broke the law, stifled competition, eliminated innovation and leveraged this power to gain wealth, power and mass market control. This needs to be dealt with in a manner that prevents further abuse and sends a clear message that corporations will be held accountable to the laws of the United States of America.

In this time Americans expect and demand that our government acts in the best interests of the citizens and not some corporation that still refuses to admit it did anything wrong. Please do NOT accept the current remedy being proposed and go back to the drawing board and find something that will stop this from becoming another example the citizens of America use when explaining how corporations get special treatment.

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